

South Dakota JULY CROP REPORT

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JULY 1 WHEAT YIELDS UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, July 11, 2003 – The South Dakota July 1 **winter wheat** production is forecast at 62.3 million bushels, up 3 percent from the June 1 forecast. The yield, at 41 bushels, is up 1 bushel from the June 1 forecast and up 12 bushels from last year. Harvested area, at 1,520,000 acres, is up 895,000 acres from the drought reduced acres last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 51.3 million bushels, up 114 percent from 2002. The yield, forecast at 38 bushels per acre, is 14 bushels above last year. Acres intended for harvest, at 1.35 million, are up 35 percent from last year.

Oat production, at 14.3 million bushels, is up 218 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 65 bushels, up 20 bushels from last year. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 220,000, up 120,000 acres from 2002.

Barley production is forecast at 3.975 million bushels, up 115 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 53 bushels per acre, 12 bushels above last year. Acres intended for harvest, at 75,000, are up 67 percent from 2002.

Potato planted acres, at 1,000, compare to 1,100 acres last year. Harvested acres, at 1,000, are down from 1,100 last year.

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